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CYPRUS: Makarios increasingly wary of Grivas' supporters

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CYPRUS: PRESIDENT MAKARIOS APPEARS INCREASINGLY WORRIED THAT SUPPORTERS OF RETIRED GREEK GENERAL GRIVAS MAY MOVE AGAINST HIM. [REDACTED]

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MAKARIOS IS TRYING TO BUY 1,000 BELGIAN RIFLES TO ARM A PARAMILITARY FORCE OF LOYALISTS. THE US AMBASSADOR AND UN OFFICIALS IN NICOSIA BELIEVE THAT MAKARIOS IS BUILDING A SPECIAL POLICE FORCE AS A PERSONAL INSURANCE POLICY AGAINST SUPPORTERS OF GENERAL GRIVAS. MAKARIOS ALSO IS EXPANDING THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE GUARD, AND IS APPOINTING SPECIAL CONSTABLES AND SPECIAL POLICE. MAKARIOS BELIEVES THAT GRIVAS INSTIGATED THE RECENT MINOR CIVIL DISTURBANCE THAT RESULTED IN A CLASH BETWEEN GREEK-CYPRIOT POLICE AND GREEK-CYPRIOT RIGHT-WING DEMONSTRATORS. THE PRESIDENT IS ALSO CONVINCED THAT GRIVAS WAS BEHIND THE RECENT THEFT OF A LARGE NUMBER OF WEAPONS FROM A NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY.

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